

**THE
HILLS
SINGERS**

Musical Director - Carol Green

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL
CONCERT**



Saturday 20 December 2014

3:00 pm

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Croome D'Abitot

After the concert, you are invited to the
Visitor Centre
for warming drinks and mince pies



All proceeds from this concert will be shared between
The National Trust
The Hills Singers
and
The Churches Conservation Trust



PROGRAMME



Choir Deck the hall arr. Willcocks

Choir Nova! Nova! Chilcott

Choir Zither carol arr. Sargent

Reading

Winter Poem

Laurie Lee



Choir Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming arr. Blackwell

ALL God rest you merry gentlemen arr. Jacques

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ, our Saviour was born on
Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone
astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

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From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the
same,

how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by
name:

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

But when to Bethlehem they came whereat this infant
lay,

they found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood each other now
embrace;

this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

Choir Mary's boy child

Hairston, arr. Gritton

Choir O magnum mysterium

Victoria

Readings

***The Magi
BC - AD***

***Pieter Stok
U.A. Fanthorpe***

Choir In dulci jubilo

arr. Pearsall

ALL O little town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go
by,
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee
tonight.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth;
and praises sing to God the King and peace to men
on earth:
for Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch
of wond'ring love.

O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today;
we hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Choir Ding dong, merrily on high

arr. Wood

Reading

The night before Christmas

***Clement Clarke
Moore***



ALL Noel, noel

- 1 Noel, noel, noel, noel,
noel, noel, noel, noel.
- 2 Jesus was born on Christmas Day,
long ago and far away.
- 3 Bells in the steeple ringing clear
are wishing you a happy New
Year.



Choir Old Christmas returned

Mäntyjärvi

Choir Winter wonderland

Bernard, arr. Colls

ALL Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose,
and if you ever saw it
you would even see it glows.
All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names;
they never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
“Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”

Then how the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee:
“Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you’ll go down in history!”



Choir The twelve days of Christmas

Carter



Choir Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Martin and Blane



The Hills Singers celebrated 21 years of singing earlier this year. The choir has a membership of 25 singers and is based in Malvern. They enjoy singing a varied repertoire which spans a period from the 16th century to present day and generally sing unaccompanied. This afternoon's programme comprises a broad range of music and includes well-loved carols and popular Christmas songs, with the opportunity for full audience participation.

Musical Director, Carol Green, has conducted choirs throughout her career and, in addition to the Hills Singers, currently directs the Malvern Sing For Pleasure Choir and Worcester Young Voices. Carol has devoted much of her professional life to promoting singing in all age groups and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2005 in recognition of her singing work in education, enabling her to travel to Hungary and Canada to study best practice in class and in choir. She now teaches locally and works as an examiner, advisory teacher and vocal animateur.

The Hills Singers are available to perform in concerts, at weddings or for charitable causes. Please telephone **Carol Green** on **01684 577033** or visit

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